

REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 12 and 16-23 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 3-5, 12, 16 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kameya et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,128,588). Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kameya et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,128,588). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In the invention recited in the independent claims 3 and 19, the corrugated structure of the metal foil is tightly attached to the glass portion (side tube portion). On the other hand, the member 5, which the Examiner reads as a corrugated structure in Fig. 1 of Kameya, is not attached to glass (see the attached drawing). In other words, the corrugated portion of the member 5 is not itself tightly attached to the glass (other portions of the structure *may* be in contact with glass, but the corrugated portion is not). The claims have been more fully amended to recite this distinction.

Thus 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) would not apply to claims 3-5, 12, 16 and 17-22. Moreover, since Kameya fails to disclose that the corrugated structure of the metal foil is attached to the glass portion (side tube portion), the invention recited in claim 23 is not anticipated by Kameya.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

